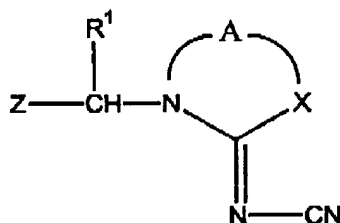


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Claim 1 (previously presented)

1. A heterocyclic compound of the formula



wherein

- R^1 represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group.
- A represents an ethylene group which may be substituted by methyl,



in which R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a C_1 - C_4 alkyl group which may be substituted by a substituent selected from halogens, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy groups, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio groups and cyano, a C_2 - C_4 alkenyl group, a C_2 - C_4 alkynyl group, a pyridylmethyl group which may be substituted by halogen and/or methyl, a benzyl group which may be substituted by halogen and/or methyl, a formyl group, an alkylcarbonyl group having 1 to 2 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety which may be substituted by halogen, a phenylcarbonyl group which may be substituted by halogen and/or methyl, an alkoxy or alkylthiocarbonyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, a phenoxycarbonyl group, a C_1 - C_4 alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted by halogen or a phenylsulfonyl group which may be substituted by methyl.

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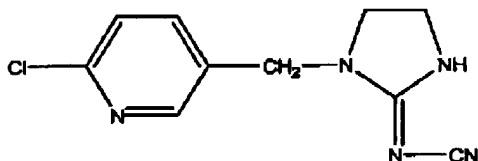
-Z- represents a 3-pyridyl group or a 4-pyridyl group, each of which is optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from halogen atoms, alkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkylthio groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, haloalkyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, haloalkoxy groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyl groups having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a cyano group and a nitro group.

Claim 2 (previously presented)

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein
R¹ represents a hydrogen atom,
A represents an ethylene group, and
Z represents a 3-pyridyl group or a 4-pyridyl group optionally substituted by at least one substituent selected from a fluorine atom, a chlorine atom, a bromine atom, a methyl group, a methoxy group, a methylthio group, a trifluoromethyl group, a trifluoromethoxy group, a methylsulfonyl group, a cyano group and a nitro group.

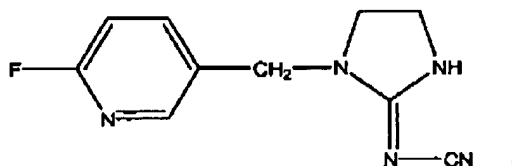
Claim 3 (previously presented)

3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein such compound is 1-(2-chloro-5-pyridylmethyl)-2-cyanoiminoimidazolidine of the formula



Claim 4 (previously presented)

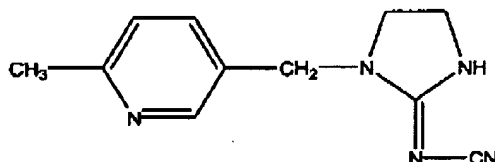
4. A compound according to claim 1, wherein such compound is 1-(2-fluoro-5-pyridylmethyl)-2-cyanoiminoimidazolidine of the formula



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Claim 5 (previously presented)

5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein such compound is 1-(2-methyl-5-pyridylmethyl)-2-cyanoiminoimidazolidine of the formula



Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (previously presented)

7. An insecticidal composition comprising an insecticidally effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 and a diluent.

Claim 8 (previously presented)

8. A method of combating insects which comprises applying to such insects or to an insect habitat an insecticidally effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

Claim 9 (currently amended)

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein such compound is
1-(2-chloro-5-pyridylmethyl)-2-cyanoiminoimidazolidine,
1-(2-fluoro-5-pyridylmethyl)-2-cyanoiminoimidazolidine, or
1-(2-methyl-5-pyridylmethyl)-2-cyanoiminoimidazolidine[.],